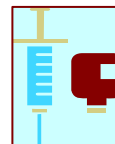


Immunizations



Program Description:

Immunizations reduce incidence of preventable disease, death and morbidity from preventable disease and save money by reducing the need for unnecessary hospitalizations. Infant, childhood, college, adult and overseas travel immunizations are available at reduced costs for Chelan and Douglas county residents. Informational materials regarding vaccines are distributed to the community and vaccine providers. Educational updates are provided for immunization providers and staff. Low cost and sliding fee services exist for low income clients. Audits for compliance to the childhood immunization schedule for infants are done annually at selected provider sites.

Delivery Measures:

- Rural outreach clinics served 11 cities with 47 clinics. Flu clinics were offered at all senior centers, 6 assisted living centers, and 20 corporate sites.
- 1,574 clients were given 1,636 doses of vaccine at outreach clinics, 4,168 clients received flu vaccine, 660 doses of flu vaccine were distributed to nursing homes and 7,287 total doses of vaccine were given by CDHD public health nurses.
- 6 immunization newsletters were sent to vaccine providers, 2 immunization newsletters for school nurses were sent and 5 educational updates were done for private providers.
- 91 clients were seen in the after hours clinic on Tuesday.
- 47,314 doses of vaccine were distributed to private providers for children.
- 1,300 bibs with immunization schedules were distributed to newborns at birth.
- 3 vaccine provider sites had AFIX immunization assessment visits, 1 had an AFIX / VFC quality assurance site visit and 3 provider sites had VFC visits.
- 212 overseas travel consultations were provided to clients.

Notes & Updates:

- Our immunization rates are among the best in WA State for children.
- Immunization coverage for school entry in 05-06: Chelan county-88.4% with a 2.3% exemption rate; Douglas county-97.8% with a 1.0% exemption rate.
- Varicella became a school entry requirement for children entering Kindergarten, 6th grade and children 19 months-5years in licensed child care.

Challenges:

- Maintaining high immunization rates for 2 year-old children, reducing school exemption rates and keeping staffing levels up to offer immunization services five days a week.

